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JSMC, Humana at odds over contract

Clients could be forced to find another hospital

BY NICK TABOR
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

Humana, a health insurance company that covers thousands of Christian County residents, may leave Jennie Stuart Medical Center's network if the two companies don't reach an agreement by June 1.

This would force Humana's clients, which include all state

employees, to begin paying out-of-pocket or find another hospital out-of-state.

Humana imposed the June 1 deadline after several years' worth of negotiations. The company wants a discount from Jennie Stuart 50 percent larger than it currently receives, said Eric Lee, Jennie Stuart's president and chief executive officer. Lee said the hospital cannot afford

this large of a discount, but Jennie Stuart's board of trustees is seeking a compromise that will satisfy Humana.

According to data from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, Humana has 2,145 patients in Christian County, making it second to Anthem, which has 32,116 local clients.

Humana has a spokesman, Marvin Hill Jr., dedicated to Ken-

tucky. Hill responded to questions from the New Era with a brief email.

"For several years we have attempted to negotiate a fair and market-competitive contract with Jennie Stuart Medical Center and we are committed and hopeful that we can come to acceptable terms prior to June 1, 2012," the email reads.

Jennie Stuart has a direct contract with Anthem, but with most insurance companies it works through Center Care, a Bowling Green-based network of

medical care providers, Lee said.

The discount Humana is requesting would be part of a new direct contract with Jennie Stuart, said Lee and Sam Brown, the hospital's chief financial officer. The hospital does not object to an independent contract — in fact, Lee and Brown hope the negotiations will result in one.

But they say the hospital can't afford to give Humana such a heavy discount.

In two of the last four years,

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Prosecution tries to link Sgt. Burke to murder weapon

BY BENJAMIN JOUBERT
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

During the third day of Sgt. Brent Burke's court martial, a ballistics expert testified that the bullets used to kill Burke's estranged wife and her former mother-in-law likely came from a 9 mm handgun.

The prosecution also offered evidence Thursday that Burke had previously owned a 9 mm Ruerger.

The ballistics expert, Larry Pilcher, said six shell casings found at Karen Comer's home, where she and her former daughter-in-law, Tracy Burke, were shot in September of 2007, were fired from a 9 mm weapon.

The murder weapon was never recovered.

When a bullet is fired, it is squeezed through the barrel of a gun, striking ridges that initiate a spin. Ridges on the surface of fired bullets found at Comer's home seemed to come from a 9 mm handgun, Pilcher said. Further, six shell casings also found at the home came from the same caliber of weapon, but they could not be matched to the bullets, Pilcher told prosecutors.

It is nearly impossible to match a fired bullet to a spent shell, he said. As a result, the projectiles are matched to a caliber by measuring the base. The projectiles fell into the .38-caliber category, of which 9 mm is a part, Pilcher said.

Five of the shell casings were from the same manufacturer and one was from a manufacturer in Brazil, Pilcher said. The bullets were shot from one of the most common barrel designs, produced by multiple manufacturers, Pilcher said, answering a question from John Shaughnessy, co-counsel for Brent Burke.

After examining the ridges on the bullets, Pilcher looked at a massive gun database that lists weapons with similar designs. The search yielded 35 possible matches, one of them a 9 mm Ruerger.

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Burke

FINISHING TOUCHES



TOM KANE | KENTUCKY NEW ERA

Taxidermist Jason Heiserman puts the finishing touches on a 12-point white-tail deer at Woodz-N-Waterz Still Imagery Taxidermy Studio in north Hopkinsville. Heiserman just graduated from the Northwest Iowa School of Taxidermy. He has prepared and mounted 20 deer heads in his first season.

Families schedule fun outdoors, enter state parks

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Shelli and Bill Gregory of Lexington often take their three children to a Kentucky state park on weekends to spend time together outdoors.

But this year, Shelli Gregory said, the family wanted to add a challenge to their pastime. They entered the Kentucky Department of Parks' Family Adventure Quest, a scavenger hunt for teams of families or friends.

The Gregorys and their children Allie, 13, Will, 11, and Clay, 6, began their quest on Friday at Waveland, an antebellum mansion in Fayette County. They called themselves the Storming the Castle team,

a reference to one of their favorite scenes in the movie The Princess Bride.

For their first quest, the Gregorys took on a challenge to visit any historic home and "explore the outside details with the eye of an artist. Share a close up photo of any architectural or structural detail you find particularly beautiful or interesting."

The Gregorys photographed details on columns and shutters on the exterior of the home at Waveland.

In its seventh year, the Family Adventure Quest presents a series of challenges that teams complete by seeking out facts or objects in Kentucky's 50 state parks and



ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this April 20 photo, Bill Gregory (center) poses in the small door of the mini house as wife, Shelli, takes a photo and sons Clay (left) and Will run around at Waveland State Historic Site in Lexington.

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WHO WE ARE: John Heisler, 60, Hopkinsville

John Heisler is enjoying retirement.

Heisler retired from Martinrea two years ago after working at the plant for 41 years. Since then, he has enjoyed playing golf and started volunteering at Coffee Connection, a coffee shop on South Main Street, in January.

Heisler volunteers three or

four days a week. He said many people come into the shop after leaving The Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. He is going to start doing a Bible study session at 8 a.m. each Monday.



Heisler grew up in Philadelphia but has been in Hopkinsville the past 14 years. He has been married for 21 years and has three children and seven grandchildren.

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MORE INSIDE



Welcome home

Sixty-five Fort Campbell soldiers returned home.

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Seau suicide turns up focus on brain injuries

(AP) — Dave Duerson made it easy to understand why he was ending his tortured life.

Before the former Chicago Bears star fired a bullet into his chest last year, he left word with his family to have his brain examined for damage he believed was caused by repeated blows to the head from his hell-bent style on the football field.

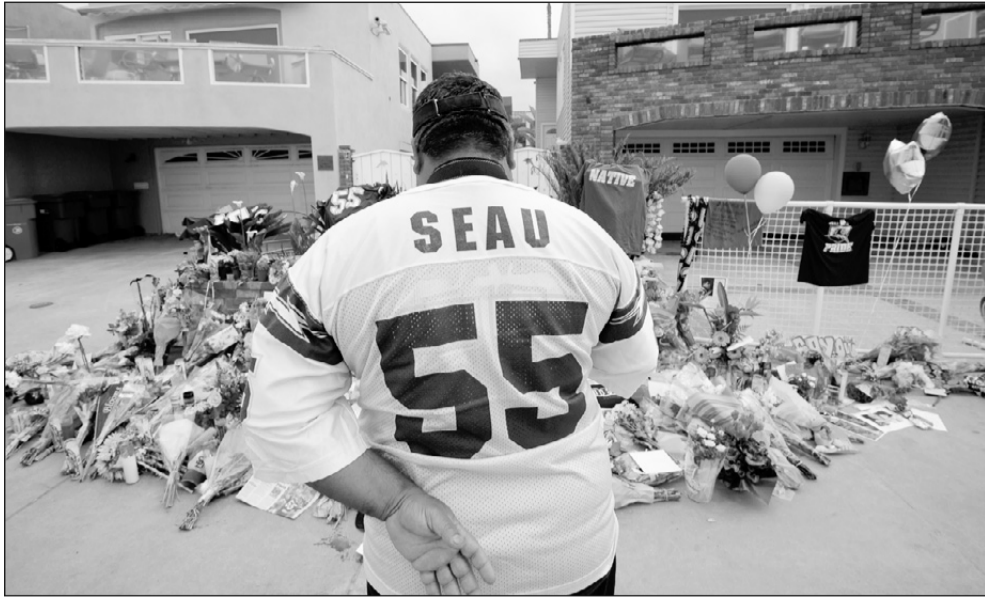
Junior Seau was an even bigger NFL star, and yet he ended his life Wednesday in much the same way as Duerson and former Atlanta Falcons safety Ray Easterling: self-inflicted gunshot wounds.

Now friends wonder if the San Diego icon hoped his death might leave a greater legacy than any of his amazing feats on the gridiron.

Former player Kyle Turley has no doubt that Seau wanted to make sure his brain could be studied for the telltale signs of football-related trauma.

“I don’t care what anybody says,” Turley told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Thursday. “I know why he did it.”

Seau’s death was ruled a suicide by the San Diego County medical examiner’s office after an autopsy Thursday. Officials were awaiting a decision by the family on whether to turn over Seau’s brain to unidentified outside researchers for study. A more in-depth investigative report



San Diego Chargers fan Jerry Lopez looks over a memorial set up in the driveway of the house of former NFL star Junior Seau on Thursday in Oceanside, Calif.

could take up to 90 days.

Seau, 43, was one of the NFL’s most rugged players, a fierce-hitting linebacker selected for the Pro Bowl a dozen years in a row. He played for three teams over two

decades, far longer than the average football career, before finally retiring for good at age 40.

Three years later, he decided to end his life. There were signs of trouble away

from the field: a divorce, a domestic violence charge involving his girlfriend, though he was never formally charged.

Hours before his arrest, his car plunged over a 100-foot cliff in what some speculated was an attempt to kill himself. Seau survived with only minor injuries and insisted that he had simply fallen asleep at the wheel.

Seau never indicated publicly he was having trouble with life after the NFL because of all those head injuries, and his family said he seemed happy.

That’s a far cry from Easterling, who died last month at age 62. He suffered from dementia and led a lawsuit filed by a number of prominent retired players, claiming the league didn’t do enough to deal with concussion-related injuries.

Notably, Seau didn’t join that lawsuit. Also, it’s not known if he wanted Boston University, which has been conducting research into football-related head trauma, to study his brain for signs of chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a progressive degenerative disease that can be caused by multiple concussions and only detected after death.

Thomas Demetrio, an attorney for the Duerson family, is not willing to say that Seau had the same motivation for ending his life. He said that would be “pure speculation.”

Indictment handed up in sheriff’s 1969 slaying

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — As Clay County Sheriff James M. “Matt” Sizemore went out to serve warrants on June 1, 1969, southwest of Manchester, Ky., five bullets from a high powered rifle took him down as he stepped out of the car.

Despite an intensive investigation in the foothills of the Appalachians three hours southeast of Louisville, investigators remained stumped as to who pulled the trigger, killing the lawman of seven years.

After more than 40 years, prosecutors on Thursday said they believe the answer has been found. A grand jury in Clay County charged 61-year-old Oran Brumley, a former resident of the area, with murdering Sizemore. He’s currently serving prison time in Ohio.

“It was just a tip as to who might be the perpetrator in the crime. Tips have come in on our cold cases ... we always follow up on tips we do get,” said Kentucky State Trooper Don Trosper, a spokesman for the London post. “It was a very valid and legitimate tip.”

Brumley remained in custody in Ohio on Thursday afternoon. It was unclear when he would be returned to Kentucky to face charges. He had no attorney on the Kentucky charges. Arrangements must be worked out with Ohio for Brumley’s return to Kentucky, Clay County Commonwealth’s Attorney Gary Gregory said.

The investigation is ongoing and more indictments may be forthcoming. When asked if Brumley had accomplices, Gregory repeated that more indictments may be forthcoming.

“I think you can decipher that,” Gregory said.

When Sizemore, the father of 11 children, died, investigators swept

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Kentucky State Police Trooper Don Trosper
Spokesman for the London post

through the county conducting interviews and looking for who shot the sheriff. Brumley was among those interviewed but he wasn’t charged at the time.

The shooting shook the rural area, where gunshots aren’t uncommon, but the slaying of a sheriff was anything but commonplace.

“It was just a big community event at that time,” said Gregory, who was 12-years-old when Sizemore died.

After a while, the case went cold, with tips occasionally flowing into the sheriff’s office or state police. But, until between six and eight months ago, none of the tips led anywhere — in some cases they were nothing more than rumors sweeping through the mountains with no substantiation. Then came the call that led investigators back to Brumley.

Trosper isn’t sure what the connection between Brumley and Sizemore was. When asked if Brumley was a colorful local character who would have been familiar to the sheriff, Trosper laughed.

“That’s putting it lightly,” Trosper said.

Gregory said Sizemore had a role in sending one of Brumley’s family members to prison a few years be-

fore the shooting and retaliation may have been a motive.

“I think there were some bitter feelings,” Gregory told The Associated Press. “He just developed a hatred for the sheriff.”

Brumley eventually moved to Hamilton, Ohio, near Cincinnati, not far from the Kentucky-Ohio state line. When investigators wanted to re-interview him, they found Brumley in the Ross Correctional Institution in Chillicothe, Ohio, where he’s serving time after being convicted in 2004 of murder, attempted murder, aggravated robbery and aggravated burglary for a knife attack on an 80-year-old man.

“A tip came through that he may need to be revisited,” Trosper said. “It was something to the fact that he needed to be re-interviewed.”

Trosper wouldn’t say what Brumley told investigators or what evidence surfaced after the interview. But, it was enough to take to prosecutors, who presented the case to a grand jury on Thursday.

“You sometimes start to think nothing will ever become of these cold cases,” Gregory said. “Unsolved murders cry out from the grave. Thank goodness that looks like the case here.”

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ABtLab	NY	2.04	3.3	16	62.65	+4.2	+11.4		IBM	NY	3.40
AlcatelLuc	NY	1.51	-0.03	-3.2		IntPap	NY	1.05
Allstate	NY	8.8	2.7	22	32.91	-4.8	+20.1		ItauUnihf	NY	8.4
Altria	NY	1.64	5.1	19	32.37	-0.5	+9.2		JPMorgCh	NY	1.20
AEagleOut	NY	4.4	2.1	27	20.90	+3.01	+36.7		JohnsJn	NY	2.44
AmExp	NY	80	1.3	15	61.05	+0.8	+29.4		JohnsCt	NY	7.2
ArchCoal	NY	12	1.4	20	8.50	-7.2	-41.4		Kohls	NY	1.28
AutoZone	NY	...	...	...	19	396.44	+1.03	+22.0	Kroger	NY	4.6
BB&T Cp	NY	80	2.5	15	32.19	-1.9	+27.9		McDnlds	NY	2.80
BP PLC	NY	1.92	4.5	6	42.36	-3.4	-9.8		Merck	NY	1.68
BioAm	NY	0.4	5	...	8.16	-1.5	+46.8		Meritor	NY	...
BarIPVix	NY	...	...	...	16.19	+1.8	-54.4		MicroT	Nasdaq	...
BrMysq	NY	1.36	4.1	15	33.49	-0.3	-5.0		Microst	Nasdaq	80
CampSp	NY	1.16	3.5	14	33.60	-0.2	+1.1		MorgStan	NY	20
ChrmSh	Nasdaq	...	...	...	7.31	+1.41	+49.2		NokiaCp	NY	26
ChesEng	NY	35	2.1	6	16.74	-2.86	-24.9		Oracle	Nasdaq	24
Cisco	Nasdaq	32	1.6	15	19.84	-1.4	+10.1		Pennny	NY	80
Citigrp rs	NY	0.04	1	9	32.70	-9.0	+24.3		PepsiCo	NY	2.15
CocaCola	NY	2.04	2.6	21	77.16	+2.3	+10.3		Pfizer	NY	8.8
Comcast	Nasdaq	65	2.1	20	30.42	-1.9	+28.3		PhilMwr	NY	3.08
DR Horton	NY	15	9	41	17.22	+5.7	+36.6		PwShs QQQ	Nasdaq	49
DRISCBear	NY	...	...	...	17.98	-1.3	-32.1		ProctGam	NY	2.25
Disney	NY	60	1.4	16	43.54	-2.5	+16.1		PulteGrp	NY	...
DuPont	NY	1.72	3.2	14	53.67	-0.4	+17.2		RadioShk	NY	50
ExxonMbl	NY	2.28	2.6	10	86.20	-8.4	+3.7		RschMotn	Nasdaq	...
FordM	NY	20	1.8	7	11.10	-1.3	+3.2		S&P500ETF	NY	2.64
FMCG	NY	1.25	3.3	8	38.12	-3.4	+3.6		SandRidge	NY	...
GenElec	NY	68	3.4	16	19.77	-0.3	+10.4		SearsHdgs	Nasdaq	33
Genworth	NY	...	...	...	36	6.14	-0.1	-6.3	SinusXM	Nasdaq	...
Herbalife	NY	1.20	2.3	17	52.70	-3.60	-2.0		SpiritVex	NY	...
HewlettP	NY	48	1.9	9	25.25	+0.8	-2.0		SPDR Fnd	NY	22
HomeDep	NY	1.16	2.2	21	52.71	+3.9	+25.4		StarBldk	NY	1.64
Howmillnt	NY	1.49	2.5	22	60.64	-2.9	+11.6		Target	NY	1.20
HopFedBc	Nasdaq	...	...	...	8.80	-0.1	+36.4		US Bancrp	NY	1.59
ISHChina25	NY	77	2.0	...	38.31	-0.4	+9.9		WallMart	NY	7.27
ISHEMkts	NY	81	1.9	...	42.42	-0.9	+11.8		Walgrn	NY	90
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AREA DEATH

ELSEWHERE HILDA BRIDGES

Hilda W. Bridges, 84, Murray, formerly of Cadiz, died at 11:28 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at Murray-Calloway County Hospital of natural causes.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Cadiz Baptist Church with Dillman R. Cunningham and the Revs. J. Norman Ellis and Paxton Redd officiating.

Burial will be in East End Cemetery, Cadiz.

Visitation will be from 3 until 8 p.m. Saturday at Goodwin Funeral Home, Cadiz.

A native of Trigg County, she was born April 7, 1918, the daughter of the late Thomas Green and Vara Thomas Williams.

She was a retired educator from Union County Schools. She was an organizing member of the Thomas Bridges Association and the James Thomas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Her husband, Gilbert Bridges, preceded her in death in 2003.

Survivors include a son, Gillis A Bridges, Murray.

Ky. city stops paying for indigent funerals

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — A western Kentucky county owes more than \$25,000 for funerals for indigent people after a city that normally picked up part of the costs stopped paying.

McCracken County Coroner Dan Sims said he doesn’t know why the city of Paducah stopped helping split the cost of pauper burials, but the decision has created a financial problem for the county.

Under Kentucky state law, counties are on the hook for pauper burials, not cities.

“No matter what walk of life they come from, it’s our responsibility to take care of these people,” Sims said.

Sims told WPSD-TV in Paducah (<http://bit.ly/Jswbfk>) that Paducah traditionally split that cost with the county but stopped in 2008. The city started paying again for a few years, but stopped recently. Sims said the county gets no federal or state assistance for pauper burial.

Paducah City Manager Jeff Pederson said the city can’t afford to help and, because the city isn’t legally obligated to do so, won’t it be offering any more funds for the burials for now.

“We have tremendous challenges in

front of us, in particular, meeting our obligations,” Pederson said.

Pauper funerals are done in cases where no family member claims the deceased or the family lacks the resources for a funeral or burial.

“Most of the families are ecstatic that there’s somebody who’s willing to help them,” Sims said.

Sims said with about \$1,000 in tax dollars and the generosity of local funeral homes, the paupers can be given a proper burial.

The county doesn’t get state or federal assistance for pauper burials and funeral homes usually lose money when helping, Sims said.

County commissioners hope the city will reverse course again. Pederson said he’s not sure what the city will be able to afford in the future.

Sims wonders why the city stopped paying and said officials should focus less on budgeting and more on doing the right thing.

“I rest peacefully with that, that I have done the right thing for them,” Sims said. “All I can say is, ‘I can do that. Can they do that?’”

Ky. man sentenced to prison for clerk’s shooting

OWENSBORO, Ky. (AP) — An Owensboro man has been sentenced to life in prison without a chance at parole for 25 years for the slaying of a convenience store clerk in November 2009.

As part of a plea agreement, 30-year-old Brock Antonio Hanley Sr. will also serve 20 years in

prison for robbery, which he will serve at the same time as his murder sentence.

Hanley pleaded guilty in April to shooting Suba Singh on Nov. 16, 2009. Prosecutors opted not to seek the death penalty in the case.

During Wednesday’s sentencing in Daviess

Circuit Court, Hanley asked Singh’s family to forgive him.

The Messenger-Inquirer reported that Singh’s family did not attend the sentencing.

Commonwealth’s Attorney Bruce Kuegel said the apology “in no way diminishes the fact that he murdered Mr. Singh.”

Celebrity chef Jon Ashton plans to do show for troops

BY DAVID SNOW
FOR THE NEW ERA

Next week, Celebrity chef Jon Ashton will make good on a promise to perform for Fort Campbell soldiers and their families.

After performing at Valor Hall in December, Ashton announced that he would return in May to put on a show for Wounded Warriors and military wives. Ashton is paying his own way to perform on post.

"I'm terribly excited," he said. "We have the Wounded Warriors on Monday night, then Tuesday, we're working with the military wives, talking about healthy cooking."

Ashton's visit comes as a part of Military Spouses Appreciation Week on post. He will put on shows at 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Family Resource Center on post.

The fun in Ashton's shows comes from his repartee as well as his interaction with audience members who come on the stage to cook with him and learn some of the tricks of the trade.

After his December show in Oak Grove, Ashton said that he wanted to do a special show for Fort Campbell.

"With the Wounded Warriors, we'll go in and meet the soldiers — chat with them, see what they've been up to, bring some fun into their life," Ashton said. "A lot of them, you know, are in transition, and my goal is to get some of them cooking with me and have a jolly good laugh, like we always do."

Ashton added that Fort Campbell holds a special place in his heart.

"It's important to me, and it's something I want to come back and do," he said. "I hope I can chat with people on the base who have gone to Afghanistan. For me, it



NEW ERA FILE PHOTO

Celebrity chef Jon Ashton (above) prepares Bananas Flambe during the Relish Cooking School and Expo in August 2009.

was about coming back. I don't talk about it in a media platform; I just go and do what's right."

Ashton is no longer with Relish magazine. Last January, he joined Parade magazine and Dash magazine as a regular contributor.

"It's amazing. You work hard, and America gives you the opportunity," he said. "Starting in June, I'll be in Parade magazine every week and 70 million readers every Sunday. If that's not the American dream come true, I don't know what is."

DAVID SNOW is the editor of The Eagle Post. Reach David at 270-887-3295 or dsnow@theeaglepost.us.

KENTUCKY BRIEF

Inmate: Dispute over bra led to stabbing

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky. (AP) — An inmate says a dispute over a bra led to a stabbing. Police have charged 30-year-old Virginia Fry with attempted murder in the stabbing of Erica Petrey Canada in Whitley County. Fry told WYMT-TV in an interview that she was only protecting herself. Fry says she had loaned the other woman a bra and called her to see about getting the undergarment back. They agreed to meet to settle their differences. Police say the women had weapons. The case will be presented to a grand jury. Canada is in serious condition.

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LAKE LEVELS

Kentucky Lake and Barkley Lake Elevation, last updated at 6 p.m. Thursday, **Kentucky Lake, Upper Stage**, 356.1; **Normal Stage**, 359; **Lower Stage**, 301.2.

Lake Barkley, Upper Stage, 356.4; **Normal Stage**, 359; **Lower Stage**, 303.8.

Water Temperatures, Kentucky Lake, 68 degrees; **Kentucky Dam**, 68 degrees; **Barkley Dam**, 68 degrees; **Normal Temperature**, 69 degrees.

Source: Explore Kentucky Lake.

PRECIPITATION

Christian County Daily Pre-

cipitation (inches), Monday, 0.32; **Tuesday**, 0.02; **Wednesday**, 0.00. **Month to date**, 0.02; **Year to date**, 11.54.

Source: Kentucky Mesonet.

LOTTERY

Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — These Kentucky lotteries were drawn Thursday:

5 Card Cash: AC-9C-6D-9H-10S
Cash Ball: 13-15-25-27,
Cash Ball: 30, Kicker: 2-4-7-8-0
Decades of Dollars: 30-35-36-37-40-43

Pick 3 Evening: 9-1-5
Pick 3 Midday: 1-0-6
Pick 4 Evening: 8-9-1-3
Pick 4 Midday: 6-5-7-9

Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — These Tennessee lotteries were drawn Thursday:

Cash 3 Evening: 8-4-0,
Lucky Sum: 12
Cash 3 Midday: 4-4-0,
Lucky Sum: 8
Cash 4 Evening: 6-9-9-0,
Lucky Sum: 24
Cash 4 Midday: 5-2-6-5,
Lucky Sum: 18

Facebook valued at up to \$95B in IPO price range

NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook, the company that turned the Web social, has set a price range for an initial public offering of stock that values the company at up to \$95 billion.

Facebook's IPO would be the biggest ever for an Internet company. Facebook disclosed the price range of \$28 to \$35 per share in a regulatory filing Thursday.

At the high end, Facebook and its current shareholders could raise as much as \$13.58 billion. That happens if the underwriters sell extra stock reserved for overallocments, which they will likely do given the excitement surrounding the IPO.

That's much higher than the 2004 IPO for current record-holder Google Inc., which raised \$1.9 billion including the overallocation. The IPO valued the company at \$23 billion. Google is now worth about \$200 billion.

Facebook Inc.'s IPO has been highly anticipated, not just because of how much money it will raise but because Facebook itself is so popular. The world's largest online social network has more than 900 million users worldwide.

CEO Mark Zuckerberg, who turns 28 this month, has emerged as a wunderkind leader who's led Facebook through unprecedented growth from its scrappy start as a hang-out for Harvard students.

Facebook's offering values the company at \$76 billion to \$95 billion, based on the expected number of Facebook shares following the IPO. That's about 2.74 billion, according to Renaissance Capital, an IPO investment adviser.

Facebook's next step is to go on an "IPO road show," where executives talk to potential investors about why they should invest in the stock. On Thursday, Facebook posted a version of its road show online, with appearances from Zuckerberg; the vice president of product, Chris Cox; and other executives.

If all goes well, Facebook's stock is expected to price on May 17 and make its public debut on May 18.

Zuckerberg will keep tight control over the company even after the IPO. He will control 57.3 percent of the company's voting power, through stocks he owns or because other shareholders have promised to vote his way through shares that they own. This means he will have final say over the biggest decisions facing the company even after it goes public.

Zuckerberg will likely own about 31.5 percent of Facebook's outstanding stock after the IPO. At the high end of the expected price range, this will make his holdings worth \$17.6 billion.

This would put him at around No. 33 of the Forbes lists of the world's richest people, above the likes of Dell Inc. CEO Michael Dell and Microsoft Corp. CEO Steve Ballmer.

Facebook's expected valuation will easily surpass well-known corporations such as Kraft Foods Inc. The amount it is trying to raise in the IPO would slot it among the world's 25 largest IPOs, although as recently as November 2010, General Motors raised \$15.8 billion when it shed majority control by the U.S. government.

Economy in US recovering but not yet accelerating

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy's recovery looks enduring. It's just not very strong.

Hiring, housing, consumer spending and manufacturing all appear to be improving, yet remain less than healthy. Economists surveyed by The Associated Press expect growth to pick up this year, though not enough to lower unemployment much.

A clearer picture of the nation's economic health will emerge Friday, when the government reveals how many jobs employers added in April.

"The outlook is for continued moderate growth," John Williams, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, said in a speech Thursday. "Nonetheless, we have nearly 4 1/2 million fewer jobs today than five years ago, and the unemployment rate remains very high at 8.2 percent."

The 32 economists polled by the AP late last month are confident the economy has entered a "virtuous cycle" in which more hiring boosts consumer spending, which leads to further hiring and spending. They expect unemployment to drop from 8.2 percent in March to below 8 percent by Election Day.

But they still think the rate won't reach a historically normal level below 6 percent until 2015 or later. And they predict hiring will slow the rest of this year from a relatively brisk December-February pace. The government's economic data have been sending mixed signals about the health of the recovery from the Great Recession.



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Beshear prepares for federal health care reforms

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Groundwork is being laid to create a statewide health insurance exchange intended to reduce coverage costs, but it would be used only if the federal health care re-

form law is upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Gov. Steve Beshear said in a statement Thursday that Kentucky needs to be ready to run such an exchange, which would serve as online marketplace where consumers could compare

coverage options and prices of various insurance plans.

Insurance exchanges are key to the federal health care overhaul signed into law by President Barack Obama in 2010. They're set to go into operation on Jan. 1, 2014, if the health care law isn't

struck down.

The Supreme Court could rule by late June on the constitutionality of the health care reform law dubbed the Affordable Care Act.

"While no one can predict what the Supreme Court will ultimately decide, it is imperative that the

state prepare for any decision," Beshear said. "The steps we have taken to date and the planning process we are putting in place helps ensure the state is able and ready to follow the law, if upheld, and also guarantees we don't have

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Sixty-five soldiers from the 227th Quartermaster Company 129th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 101st Sustainment Brigade returned to Fort Campbell from Afghanistan. Several military couples were reunited.

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65 Fort Campbell soldiers return home

BY CARLA JIMENEZ
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

Families and friends waited impatiently Thursday at Fort Campbell to welcome home 65 soldiers from the 101st Sustainment Brigade. "Open the door!" they shouted as the plane carrying the soldiers rolled onto the tarmac.

Ten minutes later, the door opened and several soldiers ran onto the plane to greet their fellows.

"Let them out!" the crowd shouted from behind the iron fence.

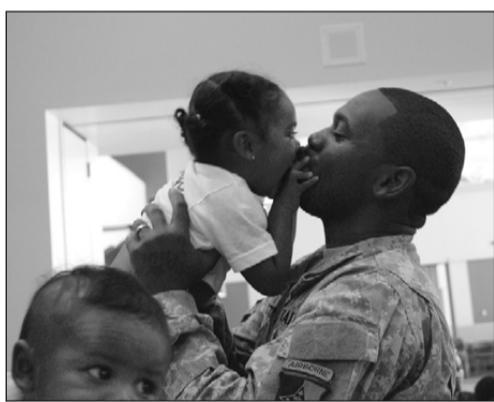
The returning soldiers — members of the 227th Quartermaster Company, 129th Combat Sustainment

Support Battalion and 101st Sustainment Brigade — were deployed 11 months ago. They transported supplies from Iraq to Kuwait and from Kuwait to Afghanistan. Despite having to travel between the three locations, the soldiers greeted their loved ones with great energy — and, of course, impatience.

One soldier even called his wife from the plane as it sat on the tarmac.

"I like how you're calling me from the plane right in front of me," she said into the phone.

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Several soldiers greeted their newborn children for the first time.

Pre-kindergarten reading programs begin today

Children who attend four sessions will receive a free book

BY DAVID SNOW
FOR THE NEW ERA

The Christian County Public Schools pre-kindergarten reading program will bring the joy of reading to children at Christian County Head Start today and the Pennyriple Community Room on Monday. Both sites are in Hopkinsville.

The first-year program is the product of a grant funded by Altria Companies' Employee Community Fund, which is paid for through voluntary donations made by employees of Altria, known locally as U.S. Smokeless Tobacco. The company does not promote its products through the reading program.

This new reading program is a part of Parent University, a partnership between Christian County Public Schools and the Christian County Chamber of Commerce. The aim of Parent University is to get parents more involved with the education of their children.

At each session, a volunteer will read a couple books, one for younger children and

QuickInfo:

The schedule for the remaining sessions of the program.

■ **Today**, 1 p.m., Christian County Head Start, 1355 Glass Ave.

■ **Monday**, 1 p.m., Pennyriple Community Room, 400 N. Elm St.

■ **May 9**, 1 p.m., Brooks Community Room, Honeysuckle Drive.

■ **May 11**, 1 p.m., Challenge House III, 123 S. Fowler Ave.

■ **May 15**, 5:30 p.m., Challenge House II, 311 Bryan St.

■ **May 17**, 5:30 p.m., Challenge House I, 1001 Central Ave.

■ **May 22**, 10 a.m., Christian County Library, 1101 Bethel St.

■ **June 1**, 1 p.m., Christian County Head Start, 1355 Glass Ave.

one for children, age 3 to 5. The books have been selected with the help of the Library and Literacy Council. After the readings, bookmarks are given to the parents based on the age of their children, with reading tips for the parents.

Parents attending at least four sessions will be entered into drawings for prizes, which will be given away at the end of the program in June. The grand prize is a Nook Color

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Supply rigging

Lifeliners from the 101st Sustainment Brigade underwent a weeklong training program called Mungadai training. Soldiers spent Thursday's training events practicing air assaults. They rigged different cargo, including Humvees and supplies.

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Lifeliners undergo a week of training

BY CARLA JIMENEZ
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

For the past week, soldiers of the 101st Sustainment Brigade at Fort Campbell have undergone the Mungadai training.

The term "Mungadai" comes

from Mongolia. It was a tribe which later became synonymous with the Mongolian Army. The 101st Sustainment Brigade uses the term to describe its training program.

Lt. Spencer Johnson of the 129th Combat Sustainment Sup-

port Battalion organized and oversaw the training. He said that the brigade leaders had learned these tasks before, but hadn't performed them in some time. The Mungadai focused on retraining the leaders.

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Chief Warrant Officer Ivan S. Murdock (center) took over as the new command chief warrant officer during a change of responsibility ceremony for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment on Thursday at Fort Campbell.

New CWO takes reins of 160th SOAR

BY DAVID SNOW
FOR THE NEW ERA

Chief Warrant Officer Ivan S. Murdock took on a new role for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment during a change of responsibility ceremony Thursday at Fort Campbell.

Murdock, the new command chief warrant officer, takes the position from Chief Warrant Officer Robert D. Witzler, who had it since March 2010.

Col. John Thompson, commander of the regiment known as the Night Stalkers, was the guest speaker at Thursday's ceremony.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Local company featured in distillery guide

MB Roland Distillery is being featured in "Micro-Distilleries in the U.S. and Canada," a guide to North American micro-distilleries. The book, by David J. Reimer Sr., is available in print and will soon be available in e-book form.

The distillery, which is located in Pembroke, was also featured in a March edition of Time magazine.

HopFed Bancorp reports net income of \$470,000

HopFed Bancorp, the holding company for Heritage

Bank, reported a net income of \$470,000 for the first quarter of this year. The quarter ended March 31.

Two parent meetings left for Project Graduation

Two parent meetings remain for Project Graduation. In order to participate in the event, parents must attend at least two planning meetings.

The meetings will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the library at Christian County High School and at 6 p.m. May 14 in the same location.

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CRIME

Pit bull puppy, Playstation stolen in burglaries

A pit bull puppy was stolen Wednesday from the backyard of a home on South McPherson Avenue, according to a Hopkinsville police report.

King Williams, the dog's owner, reported the dog was taken from a fenced-in kennel.

The report values the puppy at \$600. Williams identified a suspect to police who had allegedly been asking around his neighbor-

hood about the dog for the past month. The suspect's name is not listed in the report.

In another reported burglary, a Sony Playstation, \$30 in change and cleaning supplies were stolen between Wednesday night and Thursday morning from a home on Twyman Square, according to an HPD report.

The stolen items are valued at \$480. No suspects have been identified in the incident.

— From New Era staff reports

Military commanders warned to prevent troop misconduct

WASHINGTON (AP) — Military leaders are telling commanders to get their troops in line and refrain from misconduct such as urinating on enemy corpses, in a sharp response to the tasteless photos and other disturbing examples of bad behavior that have enraged Afghans and complicated war-fighting.

The broader message to shore up discipline in the ranks was expected to be underscored by Defense Secretary Leon Panetta in remarks Friday at Fort Benning, Ga.

The Army and Marine Corps chiefs have focused on discipline in recent talks to midlevel commanders around the country. They say they recognize that part of the problem may be leadership stumbles by the young officers who have shouldered much of the burden of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“Maybe we’ve gotten overconfident and maybe we’ve gotten a little bit comfortable in our young leaders,” Gen. Ray Odierno, the Army chief of staff, told The Associated Press in an interview Thursday. “Realizing that they are young, they don’t have a lot of experiences. We have to continue to assist them so they understand what is expected of them.”

Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Amos was blunter.

“We are allowing our standards to erode,” he wrote his commanders. “A number of recent widely publicized incidents have brought discredit on the Marine Corps and reverberated at the strategic level. The undisciplined conduct represented in these incidents threatens to overshadow all our good work and sacrifice.”

Panetta, in his first personal appeal to troops on the issue, planned to remind them that they are representing the American people and that the nation’s greatness lies not in its ships and fighter jets, but

“We have to remind everyone about the importance of culture and the profession.”

Gen. Ray Odierno
Army Chief of Staff

the character and standards of its armed forces.

Senior leaders have warned for several years about a deterioration of discipline that may have contributed to increased substance abuse, suicides, domestic abuse and other problems.

Late last year Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, who now commands U.S. Army Europe, suggested that while only a small percentage of soldiers lack discipline, “If you allow that to go unnoticed, it becomes cancerous.”

In January, Marines were found to have made a video showing them urinating on Afghan insurgents’ corpses. In February, troops mistakenly burned copies of the Quran, which led to violent protests and revenge killings of six Americans. In March, a U.S. soldier left his base and allegedly killed 17 civilians, mainly women and children. Last month, newly revealed photographs showed U.S. soldiers posing in 2010 with Afghan police holding the severed legs of a suicide bomber.

Gen. John Allen, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, has expressed concern about the impact that those incidents have had on the war, according to a senior defense official. Allen believes that a number of major setbacks in the past six months have resulted from moral, not operational, failures, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal assessments.

Insurgents have used the incidents to incite violence and undermine U.S. efforts to win over the Afghan people, considered critical to

counterterrorism operations. The incidents have reinforced the perception of Americans as unfriendly or occupying forces who do not understand the culture or the religion of the people they are supposed to protect.

Such ethical lapses have occurred in war through the centuries. But military officials and outside experts generally agree that America’s longest war has put unprecedented strain on the country’s all-volunteer military, an overwhelmingly young force that needs supervision and strong leadership.

In earlier conflicts such as those in Vietnam or Korea, such incidents were not as readily visible. Today, they end up on YouTube in seconds, viewed by an audience that does not always attribute such behavior to the stress of war.

After writing his letter to Marine commanders, Amos began taking his message to bases and stations in talks with officers.

“I expect each of you to hold yourselves and your Marines to the highest standards ... nothing else is acceptable,” he wrote in the letter.

Odierno included the topic during meetings with his two- and three-star commanders, as well as in talks with younger officers he sees during base visits.

“We’re putting a lot more responsibility on very young leaders, lieutenants and sergeants,” Odierno said. “We just have to remind everybody that we have to put the checks and balances in place, and we have to remind everybody about the importance of culture and the profession.”

KENTUCKY BRIEFS

Farmer fails to file annual financial disclosure for his final year in office

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — The Executive Branch Ethics Commission hasn’t received a financial disclosure form from former agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer that covers his last year in office.

Commission general counsel Katie Gabhart told the Lexington Herald-Leader that information about Farmer’s failure to file the paperwork by the April 16 deadline would be presented to the panel during its May 14 meeting.

Gabhart said the commission would also receive information during the meeting about results from a state audit that showed Farmer had accepted expensive gifts and didn’t report them.

Stumbo closely monitoring Kentucky Medicaid impasse due to fear of layoffs

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — House Speaker Greg Stumbo is calling for a resolution to a public dispute between an Appalachian hospital chain and one of the managed care organizations that control Medicaid reimbursements in Kentucky.

Stumbo said Thursday he is concerned

the managed care organizations could trigger layoffs at Kentucky hospitals that don’t receive timely Medicaid reimbursements for services to poor, disabled and elderly patients.

The managed care organization Coventry Cares has threatened to cancel a Medicaid contract with Appalachian Regional Healthcare, a hospital chain with facilities throughout the coalfields.

Reopening of post office delayed because of poisonous spider problem

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The planned reopening of a Louisville post office has been postponed indefinitely as officials deal with a brown recluse spider infestation.

The Postal Service closed the Fairdale Post Office after venomous spiders were found there. Officials had hoped to open the office again next week, but WAVE-TV reported maintenance supervisors want to examine several outside openings to the building to make certain the problem is resolved.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website says the venom of a recluse can cause a severe lesion by destroying skin tissue, requiring medical attention.

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BESHEAR: Gov. prepares for federal reforms

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the federal government running our insurance market.”

Beshear said the Kentucky Hospital Association, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Kentucky Voices for Health, and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield are among groups that have voiced support for a state-operated insurance exchange as opposed to one that would be operated by the federal government if the state doesn’t act.

If justices uphold the health care reform law, Beshear said he will create the health insurance exchange by

executive order.

Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services Secretary Audrey Haynes said her staff will meet with insurers, providers, agents, consumers, employers and advocates in the coming weeks to develop the health insurance exchange.

“The commonwealth believes it is best positioned to operate an exchange for the full benefit of Kentuckians,” Haynes said. “Kentucky understands the unique regional and economic needs of our citizens, as well as the health insurance needs of small businesses. We have existing

working relationships with insurers, agents, advocates, health care providers and other business partners. By establishing a state-operated exchange, we can also better ensure coordination and integration of eligibility determinations and enrollment with the Medicaid program.”

In February, Kentucky received a nearly \$58 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to prepare for the implementation of the health care reforms. Kentucky previously received two federal health insurance exchange planning grants totaling \$8.6 million.

These grants provided the necessary resources to conduct research and planning create a health insurance exchange.

Beshear’s announcement raised concerns in Kentucky among opponents of the federal care reforms.

Tea party activist David Adams said Kentucky shouldn’t have accepted the federal grants, and that Kentuckians should be outraged that Beshear has been working behind the scenes to plan the health insurance exchange.

“This is the most important thing state government will do to us this year,” he said.

Police arrest 2 in soldier death case

FROM NEW ERA
AND ASSOCIATED PRESS STAFF REPORTS

Police in Clarksville, Tenn., have arrested and charged two people in the death of a Fort Campbell soldier, according to a news release from the Clarksville Police Department.

The soldier, 22-year-old Taylor

Hotzoglou, was found dead in his car early Sunday morning. He had multiple gunshot wounds and police say he died after giving two men a ride in his car.

On Thursday, police arrested two people — a male juvenile and Giovanni Johnson, 18, of Clarksville. They have both been charged with

Hotzoglou’s death.

Johnson is being held without bond in the Montgomery County Jail. The juvenile is lodged in the Columbia Juvenile Detention Center.

The investigation is ongoing and those with information regarding the case should call 931-645-8477.

PRE-K: Reading programs begin

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eReader and a \$50 Barnes & Noble Bookstores gift card. Children attending at least four sessions will get a free book.

Also, children and parents who don’t have library cards are given a voucher to get a library card. When they turn the voucher in at their local

library, they get a free book to begin their own reading collection.

For more information about the pre-K reading program, call Cammie Evans at 270-885-9096 or Heather Aubin at 270-887-7018.

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160: Change of responsibility

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Murdock, who arrived at Fort Campbell in May 1987, said he was honored to assume the responsibility as the fourth command chief warrant officer, having held a number of positions in the regiment before accepting this responsibility.

“I just want to help guide, mentor and get our soldiers promoted in a time of drawdown,” he said.

Witzler has been on post for 21 years. In two months,

he will assume responsibility as the command chief warrant officer at Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, N.C.

“What Night Stalkers do on a day-to-day basis is amazing in itself,” Witzler said, “but when combined with the coincidental events of the last two years, I certainly do feel very privileged to have been a part of it.”

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BRIEFS: Movies in the park returns

FROM PAGE A4

Recreation department to offer movies in the park

The Hopkinsville Division of Parks and Recreation will offer its Movies in the Park program this summer. Movies will be screened outdoors at Westside Park and Walnut Street Stadium.

Films will be shown May 11, June 8, July 13 and Aug. 10 at Westside Park and July 27 at Walnut Street Stadium. Admission is free and refreshments will be available for purchase. All showings will begin at dusk.

— From New Era staff reports

TRAINING: Lifeliners undergo Mungadai

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The soldiers, known as the Lifeliners, worked all afternoon Thursday training in air assaults. They learned to rig cargo for military helicopters to lift and transport. The cargo they rigged included concrete water tanks, crates filled with supplies and army vehicles.

Col. Michael Peterman, commander of the Lifeliners, came to witness the training just as the sun was beginning to set. He explained that the entire week required a great deal of logistics and organizing.

“It’s huge,” he said when describing the Mungadai. “They’ll do multiple repetitions until its muscle memory.”

The sun set Thursday evening as the soldiers practiced their air assaults, but the soldiers practiced well into the night. Col. Peterman explained that the air assaults had to be practiced at night because they would happen almost exclusively in nighttime conditions.

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KENTUCKY BRIEF

Ky., Ohio governors break ground on bridge

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Govs. Steve Beshear of Kentucky and John Kasich of Ohio have broken ground on a proposed \$81 million bridge to cross the Ohio River.

The ceremony was held Thursday. The Ohio Department of Transportation awarded a contract in January to Pennsylvania-based Brayman Construction Corp. to build the span that will link Russell, Ky., and Ironton, Ohio. The overall cost includes demolition of an existing bridge.

The project could take up to four years to complete. The bridge will link Second and Jefferson streets in Ironton with the U.S. 23 viaduct south of Russell.

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Tallest man in US in Mass. seeking shoes, normalcy

CANTON, Mass. (AP) — The tallest man in the United States traveled from Minneapolis to Massachusetts on Thursday for a custom shoe-fitting with Reebok that he hopes will help him live a normal life. Igor Vovkovinskiy says he's had 16 surgeries in six years to fix problems created by shoes that didn't fit. He's 7 feet, 8 and one-third inches tall with a shoe size somewhere between a 22 and 26. Vovkovinskiy says his only shoes have no traction, making it "suicidal" to leave his home. "I haven't been able to go for a joyful walk for six years now," he said. "I look forward to just going for a walk with my dog, just walking around the neighborhood." Vovkovinskiy was at Reebok headquarters in Canton on Thursday for a complex shoe-fitting that involved, among other things, custom pressure-mounting equipment, bio-foam, a device that takes precise measurements of length, a tape measure and a handful of technicians. Reebok says it's building the shoes at a cost of \$12,000 to \$20,000. It has helped Vovkovinskiy before and hopes to again, the company said. The size of Vovkovinskiy's shoes depends on

measurements such as the length, width and distance from his soles to the top of his feet. Those measurements are particularly tricky with Vovkovinskiy because he has unusually shaped toes and feet because of his numerous surgeries. It will take the company up to six weeks to create prototypes for Vovkovinskiy to try out. Then, they'll fine-tune them to produce proper-fitting shoes. Vovkovinskiy, 29, is originally from the Ukraine, but at age 7 moved with his mother to Minnesota for treatment of his condition, known as pituitary gigantism. He was 6 feet tall at the time. Vovkovinskiy said his life changed when the series of surgeries started. That forced him to spend three years on bed rest, during which time his muscles weakened and he gained weight. "Living the last six years has been a nightmare basically," he said. Shoes that fit will get him outside and make a huge difference, he said. "Basically, I'm a prisoner of my own house, even though I am medically cleared to walk," Vovkovinskiy said. "Where am I going to go with shoes that are painful?"

9/11 families prepare for Guantanamo arraignment

NEW YORK (AP) — It has been a year of milestones for the families of those killed on Sept. 11, with the death of Osama Bin Laden followed by the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks. Now another painful chapter is set to begin: the prosecution of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the self-proclaimed mastermind of 9/11. Victims' relatives will gather at military bases along the East Coast on Saturday to watch on closed-circuit TV as Mohammed and four co-defendants are arraigned at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where they will eventually be tried in front of a U.S. military tribunal. The trial is probably at least a year away. For some, the arraignment is a long-awaited moment in a case fraught with years of frustrating delays. For others, watching the proceedings holds no appeal at all. They simply want to move on with their lives. Jim Riches, a retired firefighter from Brooklyn who pulled his firefighter son's body out of the rubble at ground zero, said he plans to watch from New York City's Fort Hamilton. "I think it will give the whole world a look at how evil these men are and that they deserve what they get," he said. "I think it's going to be very upsetting for some families who haven't seen their act before. I'm sure they'll be walking out crying." The vast majority of victims' families have never seen Mohammed, aside from a widely disseminated photograph of a disheveled-looking Mohammed in a white T-shirt immediately after his arrest. A small number of them have traveled to Guantanamo and seen him there. Five of them, chosen by lottery, will fly there on Friday to see the arraignment in person. Mohammed and the others are expected to be arraigned on charges that include terrorism and murder. They could get the death penalty if convicted in the attacks that sent hi-

"I just hope for the sake of the 3,000 families that they get what they deserve."

Jim Riches
Father of 9/11 victim

jack ed airliners slamming into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania. Nearly 3,000 people were killed. "I just hope for the sake of the 3,000 families that they get what they deserve," Riches said. "Because it's not enough. They were broken into pieces." It's unclear exactly how many families will watch at military bases. At Fort Meade, between Baltimore and Washington, organizers are preparing for about 150 members of the public. A spokesman for Joint Base McGuire Dix in Lakehurst, N.J., said very few people were planning to go, though he declined to give a number. Barbara Minervino of Middletown, N.J., whose husband, Louis, an executive at an insurance and investment firm, died in the twin towers, said she will be attending a happy occasion on Saturday instead: a Communion party for a member of the family. "We're looking toward living," she said. "We're looking toward the future and not the past." Mary Fetchet, who lost her son Brad at the trade center and founded the support group Voices of Sept. 11, said she has a prior engagement and can't watch arraignment but will be closely following the trial. Fetchet surveys the 9/11 survivors every year and said she found that they are dealing with the tragedy in vastly different ways, even within the same family.

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America uses bin Laden documents to degrade al-Qaida, its members

WASHINGTON (AP) — Letters from Osama bin Laden's last hide-away, released by U.S. officials intent on discrediting his terror organization, portray a network weak, inept and under siege — and its leader seemingly near wit's end about the passing of his global jihad's glory days.

The documents, published online Thursday, are a small sample of those seized during the U.S. raid on bin Laden's Pakistan compound in which he was killed a year ago. By no accident, they show al-Qaida at its worst. The raid has become the signature national security moment of Barack Obama's presidency and one he is eager to emphasize in his re-election campaign.

Those ends are served in the 17 documents chosen by U.S. officials for the world to see — not to mention American voters. The Obama administration has refused to release a fuller record of its bin Laden collection, making it difficult to glean any larger truths about the state of the terrorist organization.

What is clear from the documents released so far is that al-Qaida's leaders are constantly on the run from unmanned U.S. aircraft and trying to evade detection by CIA spies and National Security Agency eavesdroppers.

In one letter, either bin Laden himself or his senior deputy tells the leader of Yemen's al-Qaida offshoot that, in the face of U.S. power, it is futile to try to establish a government that will offer it safe haven.

"Even though we were able to militarily and economically exhaust and weaken our greatest enemy before and after the eleventh," the letter says, referring to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, "the enemy continues to possess the ability to topple any state we establish."

Again and again in the letters, bin Laden and his inner circle struggle to keep the focus of Islamic terrorism on killing Americans and tamp down attacks by al-Qaida affiliates on Muslim innocents.

The documents describe the U.S. as "a malicious tree with a huge trunk," and its allies as mere branches not worth al-Qaida's time.

From his redoubt in Pakistan, bin Laden was keenly aware that his organization's standing with Muslim populations was crumbling.

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Osama bin Laden
In a 2010 letter

"I plan to release a statement that we are starting a new phase to correct (the mistakes) we made," bin Laden wrote in 2010. "In doing so, we shall reclaim, God willing, the trust of a large segment of those who lost their trust in the jihadis."

Such passages offer a glimpse into the terrorist's mindset. They also fit into the U.S. government's public relations fight with al-Qaida. The U.S. has repeatedly sought to diminish the group's standing in the Muslim world.

The documents, which date from September 2006 to April 2011, were declassified by U.S. intelligence officials and posted by scholars at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. As part of the declassification process, intelligence officials would have withheld any documents that they felt could inflame anti-American sentiment — another reason the documents offer a largely sanitized version.

The release was the latest beat in a drumroll from the Obama administration.

Over several weeks, officials have leaked select documents seized in the raid, Obama has made a surprise visit to Afghanistan and the president and senior officials have made themselves available for an hour-long show about the raid on NBC.

Yet the administration has refused requests by The Associated Press to review U.S. government records — including helicopter maintenance logs and reports about the performance of military gear used in the raid — that could provide insights into how bin Laden died, how the U.S. verified his identity and how it decided to bury him at sea.

Obama's re-election campaign dis-

tributed a video questioning whether Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney would have ordered the raid on bin Laden's compound. Romney snapped back that "of course" he would have.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said the new documents came out after a long process of declassification and analysis, and the timing was driven in part by interest surrounding the anniversary of bin Laden's death.

The documents show that bin Laden's inner circle was frustrated when, in 2010, attention in the U.S. shifted to the economic downturn without linking al-Qaida to the damage.

"All the political talk in America is about the economy, forgetting or ignoring the war and its role in weakening the economy," wrote his spokesman, Adam Gadahn.

As bin Laden struggled to right his organization, no detail seemed too small for his attention. In one letter, he wrote that "controlling children" was one of the keys to hiding in cities, as he did for years while U.S. forces searched Pakistan's rugged frontier.

He encouraged his followers in hiding to teach their children the local language and not let them out of their homes "except for extreme necessity like medical care." Adults should be with them outside to keep their voices down, he said.

The main message of the documents released so far is that "bin Laden is burdened by the incompetence of his jihadi brothers," said Nelly Lahoud, one of the West Point scholars who studied the correspondence. "I wouldn't want to be any one of them."

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Amateur sleuth helps stop National Archives thefts

WASHINGTON (AP) — When J. David Goldin saw the recorded interview of baseball great Babe Ruth for sale on eBay he knew something was wrong. There was only one original record of that 1937 interview of Ruth on a hunting trip, and Goldin had donated it to a government archive more than 30 years ago. Now someone was auctioning it off, the winning bid just \$34.75.

"I took one look at the record label and I said, 'holy smokes, that's my record,'" said the retired

radio engineer.

From his home in Connecticut, filled with antique radios and tape reels, Goldin launched an amateur sleuthing effort that helped uncover a thief ripping off the country's most important repository of historical records. The heist turned out to be an inside job. The culprit was the recently retired head of the video and sound branch of the National Archives and Records Administration — the government agency entrusted with preserving such docu-

ments as the Declaration of Independence and Constitution.

On Thursday, a judge in Maryland sentenced the thief, Leslie Charles Waffan, to a year and a half in prison and fined him \$10,000. Waffan, who had worked at the National Archives for 40 years, acknowledged stealing thousands of sound recordings from the archive. Prosecutors said more than 1,000 were sold on eBay in thefts that started as early as 2001. The stolen recordings ranged from a recording

of the 1948 World Series to an eyewitness report of the Hindenburg crash.

It was Goldin's meticulous record-keeping and some sleuthing worthy of a modern-day detective drama, however, that brought Waffan to authorities' attention and helped catch him.

The 69-year-old Goldin's interest in radio began when he was a teenager. He taped his first broadcast at age 14 and studied radio production at New York University before working for CBS, NBC and other networks.

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Local coach, activist had influence in aiming high

Jim Perrin has been known to run some long and grueling practices for the high school wrestlers and softball players he’s pushed in 42 years of coaching.

Roberta Galli earned a reputation for pushing hard against the status quo and social injustice.

Perrin’s world has been concrete. Wins and loses, batting averages and state championship trophies. Galli’s world was more abstract. Feminist theory, free speech and political activism.

OUR OPINION

Their stories, which were prominent in the Kentucky New Era last week, might seem worlds apart. But Perrin and Galli shared an admirable quality. Each set a high bar for achievement, both pushing to levels that might have seemed impossible. Many people in our community benefitted from their hard work.

Galli, 73, died April 19. Family and friends celebrated Galli’s life with a party at her home Saturday. As a founder of the Pennyroyal chapter of the National Organization for Women, Galli was among a relatively small group that presented politically liberal alternatives for people who wanted to learn about their options. She also supported the Religion and Philosophy Club at Hopkinsville Community College and earlier this year donated \$6,600 to help a small delegation of HCC students and faculty travel to India this summer. At the memorial party last weekend, a relative recalled two of Galli’s grandsons tagging along with her; one holding a feminist poster and another wearing an anti-racism T-shirt, when they were little boys.

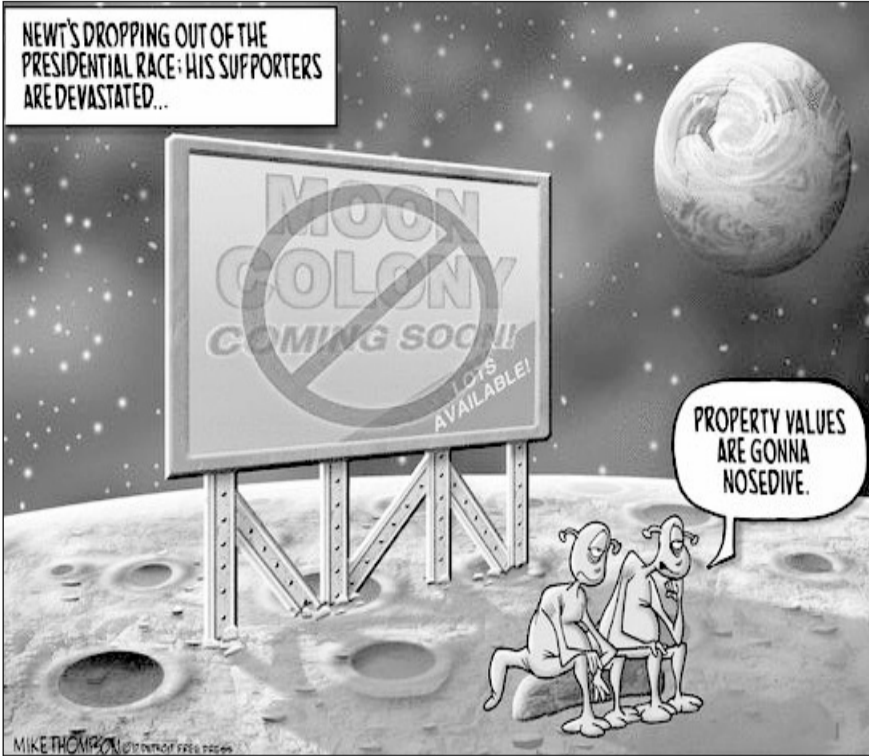
Perrin, 64, who returned this year as coach of the Christian County High School softball team, was inducted into the Dawahares/Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame on Saturday.

No one is exaggerating when they call Perrin’s softball program a “powerhouse.” Perrin had 633 wins and just 147 losses as the CCHS coach between 1984 and 2003. His teams earned 19 district championships. They were slow-pitch state champs in 1990, ’91 and ’94. They were fast-pitch champs in 1996. The Lady Colonels and Perrin are aiming for another state championship this year.

Perrin’s influence on Kentucky high school sports is evident. He’s also influenced hundreds of young people who still tell stories about what they learned from Coach Perrin. He taught them how to live and how to set high goals.

It takes people like Jim Perrin and Roberta Galli to remind us what we can achieve. We’ve known Perrin and Galli for different reasons, but this community is fortunate to learn from both of them.

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COLUMNIST

Thoughts for grandson Levi

I am now officially a member of the “Gushing Grandma Club.” Levi Duffy Cooper was born on April 19 in Scottsdale, Ariz. I had purchased an airplane ticket many weeks prior to the blessed day. Of course, I begin thinking about his future ...

I am on the plane coming to see you for the first time, Grandchild. You are just hours old and many thoughts are racing through my mind. My hope and prayer for you and all the children growing up in the United States at this time is that you are fortunate enough, just like your parents were, to grow up in a country that is the safest and freest in the world — one that provides you with the opportunity to achieve whatever your heart desires. I want you to have the opportunity to pursue the happiness that you desire — that your cleverness and skillfulness will be encouraged and not stymied by those who are in charge.

As I think about your future, one of your most important tasks will be to learn about our Constitution and our Founding Fathers’ intent. Our Founders believed that the nation would not survive if God were removed from the public arena. Our Constitution was designed to protect Americans from the failures and frailties of our rulers. It is imperative that this nation remains a true constitutional republic. The government should ensure that you have the freedom to prosper.

Like our Founders, please become a well-read man. Become part of an informed electorate. Our nation will not remain free if the electorate becomes ignorant or indifferent. If you do not understand the immediate concerns of the day and just believe and repeat the rhetoric voiced by politicians and the media, you will risk the chance of moving our nation toward tyranny. This is important to learn so that the government can never take away our freedoms. My hope is that our government



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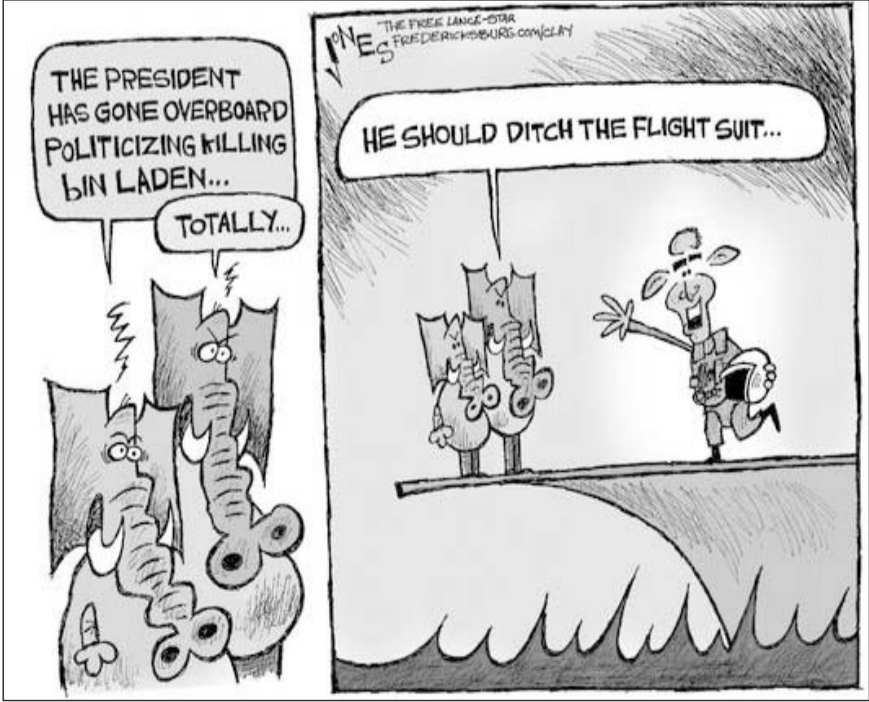
leaders will always ensure that your “equal rights” are protected and that they have the wisdom to know that it is not the government’s duty to provide “equal things” for the people. There is no one like you but please never, never develop a sense of entitlement. You and you alone will be responsible for yourself. The government owes you nothing.

Also, compassion is a wonderful attribute, but please be aware that idleness, laziness and extravagance should never be rewarded. It is better to provide a way for those in need to help themselves than to give handouts. Our Founders believed that charity is a noble and needed thing, but it should not be provided by the federal government. Please never allow emergency help like unemployment and welfare to become a way of life. These things should be a safety net, not a hammock. Too much compassion can stifle the will to succeed and cause one to be counter-productive.

Your ingenuity is a key to your future success. I hope you develop a work ethic and that you learn to work with others. Excellence only comes from practice. We want you to be successful, but please know that it is OK to fail. Be inventive and resourceful. Please remember that nothing is more important than being a man of honor. Be humble, generous and thankful and hold tightly to your integrity. Grasp and embrace that your individual effort and the education that you acquire will make you an independent man.

Your family has such great expectations for you. In your early years, of course you will be doted upon and told you are God’s gift to the world. Yes, in the words of Mr. Fred Rogers, “You *are* special,” but please learn that God alone is supreme. My prayer is that you develop a personal relationship with God, your Creator: Welcome to the world, Levi.

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COLUMNIST

Voter IQs need refresher class

Republicans are delighted to hear they scored better than Democrats and independents in a new survey of political knowledge. Fine. I’m sure Democrats would be just as boastful if their side scored better. Everybody in politics wants to believe that their side is brilliant and the others are a bunch of nitwits.

What’s disturbing to me is how many participants, including members of the GOP, managed to give wrong answers to the Pew Research Center survey’s 17 quite basic questions — including, which party has the donkey as its symbol and which party is called the “GOP”?

Perhaps no one should be shocked that more than a third of the independents did not know that the donkey is the Democrats’ mascot and “GOP,” or Grand Old Party, is the nickname of the elephant party.

But more than one-fifth of Republicans didn’t know they were the GOP and a third of Democrats missed the donkey question.

On eight of 13 questions about politics, Republicans outscored Democrats by an average of 18 percentage points, according to Pew. That’s at least partly because Republicans tend to be older, which in my experience makes them more attentive to the news. Back when I taught college journalism classes, I was both amused and appalled by how little students keep up with the news unless you assign them to do it.

But it is hardly a trivial pursuit for voters to know, for example, which party wants to restrict access to abortion. Yet a third of both parties and independents in the Pew survey answered incorrectly — and more than one-fourth of all three groups did not know it is Democrats who “support raising taxes on higher income people.”

Almost the same percentage did not know which party favors a “path to citizenship” for illegal immigrants. It’s the Democrats.

Ten percent of Republicans guessed wrong when asked which party was “more conservative on most issues,” but that’s better than the 40 percent of Democrats who also got it wrong.

Keep this in mind the next time you hear someone complain about low voter turnout. Do we really want to encourage even more Americans to vote?

Well, yes, said Norman Ornstein, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, when I reached him by telephone. Although he hastened to add, “not because I expect to see some great infusion of enlightenment as a result.”

No, it is relief from radical mood swings and polarized politics that Ornstein is after. In that pursuit, expanding the electorate tops a list of useful suggestions that he and Tom Mann of the Brookings Institution urge us to adopt in their appropriately titled new book about Washington’s political dysfunction, “It’s Even Worse Than It Looks.”

It is their hope that making it more convenient for Americans to vote would encourage more moderates and independents to vote and cool off some of the hyperpartisanship that increasingly has gridlocked legislation in Washington since President Barack Obama’s election.

“Higher turnout would attract more citizens with less-fixed partisan and ideological commitments into the electorate,” they write.

Ornstein invited me to imagine near universal voting in the USA, as Australia already demands with their mandatory voting laws. Failure to vote without a written excuse can bring a fine equivalent to about \$15, he said. If you really don’t like the choices, you also can vote for “none of the above,” a choice that I am sure many Americans would like to see implemented here.

It is a noble dream to imagine the end of base-focused campaigns, in which each party tries to mobilize their strongest supporters and suppress the likely voters for the other side. But, considering how many Americans oppose any intrusion by government into their lives, I don’t expect to see mandatory voting very soon.

Besides, there is something to be said for those who care enough about voting to take the time and effort to do it. The challenge for our political leadership and for us in the media is to help them receive good information as to whom and what they’re voting for.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Friday, May 4**, the 125th day of 2012. There are 241 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1626, Dutch explorer Peter Minuit landed on present-day Manhattan Island.

In 1886, at Haymarket Square in Chicago, a labor demonstration for an 8-hour work day turned into a deadly riot when a bomb exploded.

In 1916, responding to a demand from President Woodrow Wilson, Germany agreed to limit its submarine warfare. (However, Germany re-

sumed unrestricted submarine warfare the following year.)

In 1932, mobster Al Capone, convicted of income-tax evasion, entered the federal penitentiary in Atlanta. (Capone was later transferred to Alcatraz Island.)

In 1961, the first group of “Freedom Riders” left Washington, D.C., to challenge racial segregation on interstate buses and in bus terminals.

In 1970, Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire during an anti-war protest at Kent State University,

killing four students and wounding nine others.

Ten years ago: A Nigerian airliner crashed in a suburb of Kano, Nigeria, just after takeoff, killing a total of 154 people on the plane and the ground. War Emblem, a 20-1 shot, scored a wire-to-wire, four-length victory over Proud Citizen in the Kentucky Derby.

Five years ago: A tornado destroyed most of Greensburg, Kan., killing at least 11 people. A judge sentenced hotel heiress Paris Hilton to 45 days in the Los Angeles County jail for violating

probation in an alcohol-related reckless driving case by driving with a suspended license. (Hilton ended up serving three weeks.)

One year ago: President Barack Obama said he had decided not to release death photos of terrorist Osama bin Laden because their graphic nature could incite violence and create national security risks. Separately, officials told The Associated Press that the Navy SEALs who’d stormed bin Laden’s compound in Pakistan shot and killed him after they saw him appear to lunge for a weapon.

KENTUCKY BRIEFS

Police: Human remains are from different bodies

FLEMINGSBURG, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky State Police say an analysis of a skull and other bones found in Fleming County shows that there are two sets of remains.

Police spokesman Endre Samu told The Ledger Independent that preliminary findings show that one individual was taller than the other.

A homeowner found a skull in a ditch near his home while doing yard work last week and state police confirmed finding more bones in the area this week. The remains were sent to the state medical examiner's office in Frankfort, which determined that there were two sets of remains.

Samu said the remains could have been in the area for up to 24 months, and they don't appear to be from an approved burial location.

Anyone with information should contact the KSP post in Morehead.

Couple sells 140 acres of Perryville Battlefield

PERRYVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A central Kentucky couple has sold 140 acres from the Civil War Battle of Perryville to the Civil War Preservation Trust for \$725,000.

Perryville Battlefield State Historical Site specialist Joni L. House told The Advocate-Messenger that the acquisition gives the group an opportunity to keep a piece of history intact that otherwise might be developed.

The Civil War Preservation Trust is a national nonprofit supported by donors who believe like House does that such areas should be off limits to development and available for future generations.

Preservation of the battlefield pays homage to the 2,500 who died.

BURKE: Prosocutors attempt to connect Burke to 9 mm gun

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James Blythe worked with Burke in 2007. Blythe testified that he saw Burke with a 9 mm Rueger in a black case in August of that year. Because the pistol was not allowed at Fort Campbell, the handgun was given to a sergeant for safekeeping, Blythe said.

During the first week of September, Burke called Blythe and said he needed the weapon back, Blythe told prosecutors.

Tawnie Blue, who was married to Tracy Burke's

brother, also testified that Brent Burke mentioned he owned a weapon that was under the seat of his van. However, she told the defense that she never saw Burke with a pistol.

Early in the third day of the trial, the prosecution entered into evidence a receipt for ammunition, some of it 9 mm, that was allegedly found in Brent Burke's car.

The trial will continue today.

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PARKS: Adventure Quest involves family activities and promotes state parks

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supplying a photo as the answer.

The hunt is not a competition, and teams go at their own pace. The hunt can be completed through Dec. 1. Teams can answer some questions by visiting any of several parks, while some challenges are park-specific.

Depending upon the number of challenges a team completes, members can receive free overnight stays at park lodges, passes to museums or forts or gift cards they can use at state parks.

Teams must have a digital camera to document their progress, and they submit photos on a CD. Each team pays a \$15 registration fee and receives items they might need on their adventures — an insulated tote that they can carry food in, a Kentucky State Parks calendar planner, and informational materials.

Eighty one teams including 333 people entered the Family Adventure Quest in 2011, said Gil Lawson, a spokesman for Kentucky's Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet. So far in 2012, 80 teams have signed up.

Wendy and Ed Rogers of Mount Sterling and their son Gabe, 12, are in their fourth year of entering the quest. They visited 12 state parks last year.

Already this year, Wendy Rogers said, her family has been to Lake Barkley State Resort Park in Western Kentucky, Big Bone Lick State Park in Northern Kentucky, and

Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park in Eastern Kentucky.

Wendy Rogers said the Adventure Quest allows her family "to get away from the technology rich world that we live in ...and do things like fishing and hiking," and to see that "there is value in things other than the computer and video games."

Kevin and Alice Green, their son Eric, 9, and their daughter Katherine 17, of Lawrenceburg, have participated for the last few years.

"There is actually a lot of interesting things at the Kentucky State Parks that are usually within a day's drive, and a lot of it is free," Kevin Green said.

For the Greens' first trip in 2012, they will go to General Butler State Resort Park at Carrollton, Kevin Green said.

The Greens have won a \$50 gift certificate to the state parks, which Kevin Green said they used to pay their camping fees.

Katherine Green said she is busy during the week with school and extracurricular activities, said she sees the adventure quest as a way she can spend time with her parents and brother.

"It gets in some family bonding," she said.


Meanwhile, Shelli Gregory and her family plan on visiting at least 13 parks in 2012 as part of the Adventure Quest. The Gregorys are studying a packet sent to them by the state to map out their next move.

"We'll plan our summer that way," Shelli Gregory said.


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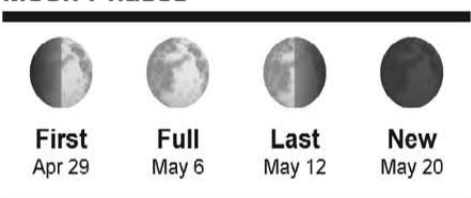
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ashland	85	60	t-storm	Glasgow	86	66	t-storm	Murray	88	69	t-storm
Bowling Green	88	68	t-storm	Hopkinsville	86	66	t-storm	Nashville, TN	87	67	t-storm
Cincinnati, OH	84	62	t-storm	Knoxville, TN	86	65	t-storm	Owensboro	85	67	t-storm
Corbin	85	63	t-storm	Lexington	82	64	t-storm	Paducah	87	68	t-storm
Covington	83	62	t-storm	Louisville	85	68	t-storm	Pikeville	87	66	t-storm
Cynthiana	83	61	t-storm	Madisonville	85	67	t-storm	Prestonsburg	84	62	t-storm
Danville	82	64	t-storm	Mayfield	88	67	t-storm	Richmond	83	65	t-storm
Elizabethtown	83	65	t-storm	Middlesboro	88	64	t-storm	Russell Springs	84	64	t-storm
Evansville, IN	82	67	t-storm	Morehead	82	62	t-storm	Somerset	83	63	t-storm
Frankfort	82	63	t-storm	Mount Vernon	83	63	t-storm	Winchester	83	64	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	84	67	t-storm	Houston	88	72	pt sunny	Phoenix	92	66	sunny
Boston	59	50	rain	Los Angeles	69	55	pt sunny	San Francisco	59	49	pt sunny
Chicago	68	54	t-storm	Miami	83	70	pt sunny	Seattle	54	42	rain
Dallas	92	72	mst sunny	Minneapolis	71	55	cloudy	St. Louis	88	70	t-storm
Denver	84	52	sunny	New York	80	61	t-storm	Washington, DC	90	68	t-storm

Moon Phases



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Ky. PSC approves new gas-fired power plant

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The Kentucky Public Service Commission on Thursday approved the construction of a natural gas-fired generating plant at LG&E's Cane Run facility in Louisville and the purchase of an existing plant in Oldham County.

The approval clears the way for LG&E to start building a \$583 million plant. LG&E and Kentucky Utilities estimated a \$110 million purchase price for the 495-megawatt Bluegrass Generation plant in LaGrange.

The commission disagreed with environmental interests, who said the two companies could meet power needs through a combination of wind power and more aggressive demand reduction efforts. The new plant, expected to be online by 2015, will bring LG&E in line with new Environmental Protection Agency rules requiring several of the company's older, coal-fired units, about 13 percent of the utilities' coal fleet, to be retired by 2016.

Subject to receipt of other permits, LG&E and KU plan to build the 640-megawatt unit at the existing Cane Run site in southwestern Louisville.

Cane Run and Green River coal

units will need to remain operational until the replacement generation and associated transmission projects are completed. Construction of the natural gas plant is expected to begin this year and be completed in 2015. At the peak of the construction phase, approximately 250 jobs are expected to be created.

"With this regulatory approval, we can begin focusing on this significant investment in our system. We worked diligently to develop a least-cost solution to meet the federal regulatory mandates, and we're pleased that the KPSC has approved the plan," said Lonnie Bellar, vice president of State Regulation and Rates for LG&E and KU.

Several environmental groups, including the Kentucky chapter of the Sierra Club, opposed the new plant and purchase of the Oldham County plant. Wallace McMullen, energy chair for the Cumberland chapter of Sierra Club, said LG&E is "entirely wedded to burning fossil fuels," a diminishing resource, when energy efficiency and cleaner, more environmentally friendly power sources are available.

"Efficiency programs generate a lot more jobs than building new gas-fired plants do," McMullen told The Associated Press. "They are generally a win-win situation."

The Public Service Commission agreed with the environmental groups that LG&E and Kentucky Utilities should more aggressively pursue cost-effective demand-side management programs, particularly those targeting commercial customers.

In their application, KU and LG&E said that the additional generating capacity is needed to replace coal-fired units at Cane Run and at KU's Green River plant in Muhlenberg County and Tyrone plant in Woodford County, and to meet projected increases in demand for electricity by 2016.

LG&E and KU are subsidiaries of PPL Corp. Kentucky Utilities has about 506,000 electric customers in 77 counties across Kentucky. Louisville Gas & Electric has about 401,000 electric customers in nine counties in the Louisville area. LG&E's 312,000 natural gas customers are not affected by this case.

CONTRACT: Deadline set in Humana contract talks

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the hospital's expenditures have exceeded its revenue, Brown said. When it makes more than it spends, the surplus usually goes toward capital projects, equipment purchases and cost-of-living raises for employees, Lee said.

"Hospitals operate on just paper-thin margins these days," Brown said.

Humana has a contract to provide health benefits for state employees. The Kentucky Employees' Health Plan has about 285,000 clients, including current workers, dependents and retirees — all covered by Humana, according to the plan's website.

Lee and Brown believe Humana is using this contract for leverage. Deeper discounts from hospitals would allow Humana to reduce its premiums, making it more competitive with Anthem, Brown said.

"They're kind of using these folks as pawns in this little chess game they're playing," Brown said, referring to the state's employees.

Humana payments make up roughly 5 percent of the hospital's revenue, Brown said. But in exchange for a discount, Humana has never offered to increase the volume of clients it sends to Jennie Stuart, Lee said.

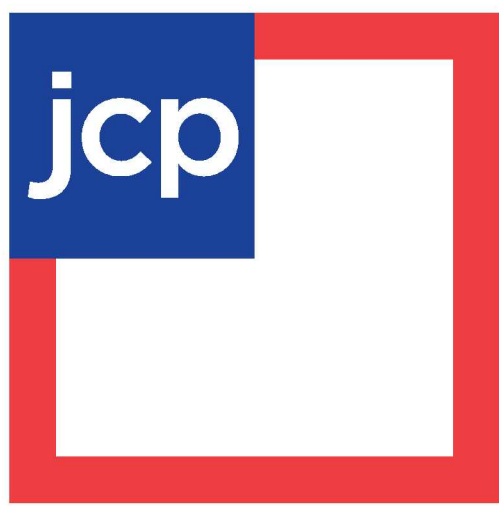
Lee and Brown said they don't know whether Humana has used its state contract for leverage to get dis-

counts from other hospitals.

The consumer protection unit of the Kentucky Department of Insurance has not received any complaints about Humana doing this, said Ronda Sloan, a department spokeswoman. However, if the negotiations between Humana and Jennie Stuart were to fall through, the state would likely step in to ensure certain protections for this area's residents. For instance, it would make sure the insurance squabbles didn't hurt women at a certain stage of pregnancy.

Jennie Stuart is a nonprofit, community-owned hospital. A board of 12 trustees oversees it.

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KENTUCKY OAKS



Trainer Larry Jones (bottom), a Hopkinsville native, gestures as he holds the reins of once Kentucky Derby hopeful Mark Valeski, who is ridden by retired jockey Larry Melancon, before a workout Monday at Churchill Downs in Louisville. Jones pulled Valeski from the Derby field Tuesday, saying the colt wasn't training well enough to win. Jones' Believe You Can will race in today's Kentucky Oaks.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Believes he can

Jones hopes to celebrate in Ky. Oaks

FROM NEW ERA STAFF
AND ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS

LOUISVILLE, KY. — Trainer Larry Jones, a Hopkinsville native, had little time to celebrate the last time he won the Kentucky Oaks with Proud Spell in 2008. One day later, Eight Belles, his other top filly, broke down and was euthanized after finishing second the Kentucky Derby.

Jones' focus this week is on Believe You Can in today's \$1 million Kentucky Oaks after he pulled Mark Valeski out of contention for the Kentucky Derby. He's hoping for success he can savor.

"The last time we (won here) in the Oaks, we didn't get to enjoy it but one day because what happened the next day took any of the Oaks enjoyment away," Jones said. "So that was the very first

Kentucky Oaks

When: Today
Where: Churchill Downs, Louisville
Time: 4:45 p.m.
On the air: NBC Sports Network, 4 p.m.



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thing I thought when we took Mark out of consideration. I thought, well, if we win the Oaks this time, maybe we'll get to enjoy it for a while."

It was a tumultuous time for

Jones, who retired shortly after Eight Belles' death and turned over his stable to his wife Cindy. He struggled with memory loss due to having high levels of aluminum in his system and suffered an enlarged liver and high blood pressure.

"I'll be perfectly honest with you, I can see interviews that I did after and I don't remember. I seriously don't remember and it's a good thing. I am remembering things that happened now, for a little while, I can remember things that happened last year but from 2008-09, I don't have a lot

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Ruff Park to be site of Region 2 tennis tourney

BY JOE WILSON
NEW ERA SPORTS EDITOR

As the final week of the high school regular season wraps up for area tennis teams, the Ruff Park courts are being prepared for next week's Region 2 tournament.

For the first time, Hopkinsville will be the host site for the Region 2 tournament, which normally is played at Henderson.

University Heights Academy will be the host team for the tournament, which begins Monday for the girls. UHA officials say at least two rounds will be played on the opening day.

The boys' tournament begins Tuesday with at least two rounds being played.

The girls' and boys' semifinals are scheduled for Wednesday with the possibility that the finals also could be held Wednesday.

Thursday and Friday will be used if there is rain earlier in the week.

Defending Region 2 girls' singles champion Mallory Perkins, of Hopkinsville, returns as the top seed in the tournament. Caldwell County's Kate Phelps is the No. 2 seed. Defending region runner-up

Region 2 tennis tournament seedings

Boys' singles

No. 1 Clint Joiner (Caldwell Co.)
* No. 2 Grey Campbell (HHS)
No. 3 Tyler Mertens (Madisonville)
No. 4 Vivek Shah (UHA)

Boys' doubles

No. 1 Henderson Co.
No. 2 Lyon Co.
* No. 3 Caldwell Co.
No. 4 UHA

Girls' singles

* No. 1 Mallory Perkins (HHS)
No. 2 Kate Phelps (Caldwell Co.)
No. 3 Blake Meade (UHA)
No. 4 Sarah Holbrook (Union Co.)

Girls' doubles

* No. 1 Caldwell Co.
No. 2 Henderson Co.
No. 3 Hopkins Co. Central
No. 4 UHA

* 2011 Region 2 champion

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IU-UK hoops series coming to an end

BY MICHAEL MAROT
AP SPORTS WRITER

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana versus Kentucky, one of college basketball's best rivalries, is over.

Barring a change of heart between now and this summer, Indiana officials said Thursday that they will not renew the contract to play Kentucky because of a disagreement over where to hold the games. The schools have met during the regular season every year since 1969, with all but one of those games played in December.

After months of behind-the-scenes bickering over whether to play the games on campus, as Indiana prefers, or at neutral sites, as Kentucky prefers, Hoosiers athletic director Fred Glass ended the debate for now.

"In the final analysis, we want our student-athletes, our overall student body and our season-ticket holders to enjoy this series at Assembly Hall," Glass said.

Kentucky athletic director Mitch Barnhart said Indiana notified him of the decision earlier Thursday. Barnhart described that as a change from previous discussions with Indiana officials.

Glass kept some hope alive by acknowledging the series could be revived if Kentucky is willing to play games on campus. The most recent contract expired after December's game.

Both sides can point to history to make their arguments.

The games rotated between Freedom Hall in Louisville and the Hoosier/RCA Dome in Indianapolis from 1991 through 2005. That's when the games returned to campus

sites, where the regular-season games were played exclusively from 1976 through 1986.

There is a belief that the schools could make more money by playing in larger, off-campus arenas, but Barnhart argued that neutral sites would take the series back to its original roots. Indiana believes moving games neutral sites won't provide the same atmosphere and that fans

would be better served by watching the games in two of college basketball's highest-profile venues



Barnhart



Glass

Rupp Arena in Lexington and Assembly Hall in Bloomington.

"I guess they're putting that out there as a final conversation, so we'll go on from there, do what we have to do," Barnhart said.

"We've been playing the games since the early 1950s, somewhere in that range. It's been a while. It's disappointing for that not to continue. I hate it for the fans, especially with two top five teams coming back next year. That's disappointing. It wasn't an unwillingness to play on our part. We wanted to play. We just felt like there were a couple of things that gave us a chance to play that game back in Jefferson County, put it in Louisville and then return it up to Indianapolis or what-

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Allen tosses Wildcats past Hopkinsville

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

Hunter Allen tossed a five-hitter and Trigg County took advantage of some key Hopkinsville errors to defeat the Tigers 5-3 Thursday night in a high school baseball game in Cadiz.

Hoptown led 2-1 in the bottom of the fourth, but committed all three of its errors in the inning. Trigg also took advantage of a walk and a hit batter to plate three runs and take a 4-2 lead.

The Wildcats added another run in the bottom of the fifth.

"We put the ball in play tonight," Trigg first-year coach Tim Bush said. "We got the ball down and made them make some plays. We did a good job of that."

Trigg had only three hits off Hoptown pitching. Corbin Estes and David Wease each had a double and Nick Wright had a single.

Hoptown was led by Rashad Lewis, who had a triple. Matt Stevenson and Taylor Saltsman each smacked a double.

The Tigers had taken a 2-0 lead with a pair of runs in the top of the first inning. Allen shut down the Tigers after that, striking out seven and walking only one in the complete-game win.

Keaton Scruggs suffered the pitching loss, allowing four walks and striking out five in five innings.

Trigg County (10-14) plays host to Lyon County today in a key District 5 game. Hoptown is scheduled to play host to Lone Oak tonight.



Allen

Hopkinsville 200 000 0-2 5 3

Trigg Co. 100 301 x-5 3 0

WP-Allen (7 IP, 7 SO, 1 BB).

LP-Scruggs (5 IP, 5 SO, 4 BB).

Leading Hitters: HHS - Lewis (3B), Clayton Smithson (1B), Hutton White (1B), Stevenson (2B), Saltsman (2B); Trigg - Estes (2B), Wease (2B), Wright (1B).

Trigg Co. 5, Hoptown 2

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MARSHALL CO.	FORT CAMPBELL	WARREN EAST	PHOENIX
AT CHRISTIAN CO. 6 P.M.	ATTODD CO. CENTRAL 5:30 P.M.	AT HOPKINSVILLE 6 P.M.	AT NASHVILLE 6:30 P.M.
LONE OAK	CALDWELL CO.	MUHLENBERG CO.	
AT HOPKINSVILLE 6 P.M.	AT UHA 5:30 P.M.	VS. CHRISTIAN CO. 5:30 P.M.	

TOP SCORES

PREP Baseball	PREP Softball
HOPKINSVILLE 2	TODD CO. CENTRAL 6
TRIGG CO. 5	TRIGG CO. 0
WEBSTER CO. 2	HOPKINSVILLE 0
CHRISTIAN CO. 6	HOPKINS CO. CENTRAL 11

BRIEFS

**YMCA spring leagues
deadline set for today**

The deadline for the Hopkinsville YMCA T-Ball, Baseball and Softball leagues is today.

The games are scheduled for May 26-July 7 and all games will be at the YMCA fields. The leagues are open to youngsters ages 3-11.

In addition, the deadline for the golf camp is June 1.

Golf professional Barry Payne, from The Links at Novadell, will be the camp instructor. The camp will be June 4-5 and 7-8 and is open to youths ages 6-9 from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Youths ages 10-13 will have camp from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

For more information or to get a registration form, go to www.hopkinsvilleymca.org or call 270-887-5382.

**US adds UK's Davis
to Olympic hoops pool**

(AP) — The U.S. has added college player of the year Anthony Davis and Oklahoma City's James Harden to its pool of finalists for its Olympic men's basketball roster.

After losing Dwight Howard and Derrick Rose to their injury list, the Americans are back to 18 healthy players in the pool, allowing for a 12-man roster and six alternates.

Davis led Kentucky to the NCAA championship, winning the Most Outstanding Player award at the Final Four, and is expected to be the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft. Harden, a guard, is one of the NBA's top sixth men.

The final roster has to be selected by June 18. The remaining healthy finalists are: Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh, Kevin Durant, Carmelo Anthony, Chris Paul, Deron Williams, Blake Griffin, Russell Westbrook, Tyson Chandler, Kevin Love, Andre Iguodala, Rudy Gay, Eric Gordon and Lamar Odom.

**Seau's friends didn't
see warning signs**

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Those who knew and loved Junior Seau say they didn't see this coming.

Like many of Seau's friends, former Chargers safety Miles McPherson was still trying to comprehend the death of the former NFL linebacker the day after his body was found inside his home in suburban Ocean-side.

Police said he died of a gunshot wound to the chest, an apparent suicide that is still being investigated.

McPherson says Seau's death is puzzling. Seau's ex-wife, Gina, told The Associated Press that while Seau sustained concussions during his playing career, she had no idea if they somehow contributed to his death.

**Notre Dame QB jailed
after confrontation**

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Notre Dame quarterback Tommy Rees has been charged with four misdemeanors after allegedly raising his knee and knocking the wind out of a police officer following an off-campus house party early Thursday.

The St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office says the 19-year-old Rees was charged with one count of battery, two counts of resisting law enforcement and one count of illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor.

YOUTH SOCCER



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Hopkinsville Ambush 10U goalie Mallory Rager makes a diving attempt to stop a goal Thursday night against the Clarksville, Tenn., Fusion in a friendly match at Debow Park in Hopkinsville.

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**TENNIS: Ruff Park to be site
of Region 2 tournament**

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Blake Meade, of UHA, is No. 3 and Union County's Sarah Holbrook is No. 4. All four players received a first-round bye.

Caldwell County's team of Wetzel and Wetzel is the top seed in the girls' doubles tournament. Henderson County has the No. 2 seed, followed by Hopkins County Central and UHA's Katherine Settle and Gabrielle Kaye.

UHA and Henderson County are among the favorites to win the region tournament. Caldwell County is the defending region champion.

In the boys' singles tournament, defending region winner Grey Campbell, of Hopkinsville, is the No. 2 seed behind Caldwell's Clint Joiner. Campbell defeated Joiner in the region title match last season.

Madisonville-North Hopkins' Tyler

Mertens is the No. 3 seed and UHA's Vivek Shah is the No. 4 seed.

Henderson County's Johnson and Williams earned the top seed in the boys' doubles tournament. Lyon County has the No. 2 seed, followed by Caldwell County's Oliver and Brown and UHA's Gordon Kaye and Blake Edmonson.

Henderson County is the favorite to capture the boys' Region 2 championship. Caldwell County won the 2011 boys' region championship.

New lighting and improvements to the courts and the complex have made it possible to have the tournament in Hopkinsville this year. Ruff Park also is being considered as the host site for the 2013 Region 2 tennis tournament.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

BORDER: Wildcats-Hoosiers rivalry to end

FROM PAGE B1

ever the other neutral site they wanted to. I guess they did not want to do that."

The push for different sites began after the top-ranked Wildcats lost their only regular-season game last season at Indiana. It came on a buzzer-beating 3-pointer from Christian Watford, a shot that set off a wild celebration that included students rushing the court. Kentucky went on to win the national championship. "I don't think he (Kentucky coach John Calipari) was really thrilled about going back to Bloomington, to be honest with you," Barnhart said.

Louisville coach Rick Pitino also has expressed interest in playing Indiana on an annual basis, though coach Tom Crean has said that is unlikely to happen in 2012-13.

Crean and Calipari are old friends, but the Indiana coach issued a statement supporting Glass' decision.

"We have a strong belief that this series

"I don't think he (Kentucky coach John Calipari) was really thrilled about going back to Bloomington, to be honest with you."

Mitch Barnhart
Kentucky athletic director

should be played on campus and is something that should be beneficial for both teams," Crean said.

Last year, the border-state rivals played two of the season's most memorable games — Indiana's 73-72 win in Bloomington and a 102-90 shootout at the NCAA's regional semifinals in Atlanta, which served as a springboard for Kentucky's latest title run.

The Hoosiers and Wildcats also have met three other times in postseason play since 1969, all on neutral courts. Kentucky is 3-1 in the four postseason meetings.

These are two of the

nation's most prestigious basketball schools. Both are ranked among the nation's top 15 programs in victories, with Kentucky topping the list. Only UCLA (11) has won more national titles than the Wildcats (eight) and those are the only two programs that have more championship banners than Indiana (five). North Carolina also has won five national titles.

The schools played four times from 1924 to 1928, then didn't meet again until 1940. After Indiana lost its second straight in the series, in 1944, the teams met only one other time (1965) before the series restarted in 1969.

PREP

**Perrin notches
650th victory**

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

Morgan Cunningham drove in three runs, including the winning run in the sixth inning, and helped coach Jim Perrin earn his 650th softball victory for the Lady Colonels Thursday night at Madisonville-North Hopkins.

Perrin, who retired after the 2003 season with a 633-147 record, returned this season and has led Christian County to a 17-3 mark after the 6-4 victory.

Cunningham had a triple to support winning pitcher Maggie Glass, who struck out two in six innings.

Glass also had two singles and Jasmine Matchen added a single and double for the Lady Colonels.

The Lady Maroons scored three runs in the bottom of the first. Christian County responded with two runs in the second and two in the third and never trailed again.

The Lady Colonels return to action today in the Owensboro Catholic tournament against Muhlenberg County and Harrison County.

Christian Co. 6, Madisonville 4
Christian Co. 022 001 1-6 9 2
Madisonville 300 000 1-4 7 3
WP-Glass (6 IP, 2 SO, 0 BB).
LP-Taylor
Leading Hitters: CCHS — Glass (2 1B), Kelsey Thomsa (1B), Malena Whipple (1B), Matchen (1B, 2B), Maddie Pelletier (1B), Cunningham (1B).

Hopkins Central blasts

Hopkinsville in 6 innings

The Hopkinsville High School softball basecoaches had little to say during Hopkins County Central's

11-0 victory over the visiting Lady Tigers on Thursday night.

Hoptown managed only three hits, including a pair by Madison Duvall. Erin Ganley also singled for the Lady Tigers (8-10).

The Lady Storm scored five runs in the first and took advantage of eight errors by Hopkinsville, which has now dropped seven of its last nine.

Hopkins Cent. 11, Hoptown 0
Hopkinsville 000 000-0 3 8
Hopkins Co. Cent. 511 022-11 8 0
WP-Gordon
LP-Skyler Grant (4 IP, 2 SO, 2 BB).
Leading Hitters: HHS — Duvall (2 1B), Ganley (1B).

**Watkins tosses no-hitter
in victory over Trigg Co.**

Kayla Watkins tossed a no-hitter and host Todd County Central defeated Trigg County 6-0 Thursday night in a high school softball game.

Watkins struck out 11 and walked one and added a pair of singles at the plate to help her own cause.

Lauren Addison had an inside-the-park home run and single, Addison Rundall added two singles and Taylor Gilliland had a triple for Todd (11-16).

Trigg's Brittney Hallgren struck out nine batters in five innings.

The Lady Wildcats slipped to 3-15 on the year.

Todd Co. Cent. 6, Trigg Co. 0
Trigg Co. 000 000 0-0 0 3
Todd Co. Cent. 200 022 x-6 10 0
WP-Watkins (7 IP, 11 SO, 1 BB).
LP-Hallgren (5 IP, 9 SO, 1 BB).
Leading Hitters: Todd — Gilliland (3B), Addison (1B, HR), Rundall (2 1B), Watkins (2 1B), Natalie Perry (1B), Cara Gorrell (1B).

BASEBALL: Cols victorious

FROM PAGE B1

Kelly, Christian Co. celebrate Senior Night with win

The Christian County Colonels celebrated Senior Night Thursday by defeating Webster County 6-2 behind a strong pitching performance from John Michael Kelly.

Kelly tossed a three-hitter for the Colonels, who scored three runs in the bottom of the third for all the support their pitcher would need.

Dixon Craft had a pair of singles and Dalton Rowe smashed a double to lead Christian County (12-17).

The Colonels return to action tonight at home against Marshall County.

Christian Co. 6, Webster Co. 2
Webster Co. 000 101 0-2 3 2
Christian Co. 003 120 x-6 7 1
WP-Kelly (7 IP, 3 SO, 1 BB).
LP-Reese Johnson
Leading Hitters: CCHS — Logan Patterson (1B), David Smith (1B), Clayton Baker (1B), Craft (2 1B), Dylan Joiner (1B), Rowe (2B).

HCA pounds Majesty in 13-hit performance at plate

Nathan Workman slammed a pair of doubles and a triple to highlight a 13-hit attack by host Heritage Christian Academy in a 15-5 baseball win over Majesty Christian Thursday night.

Arron Workman added two singles and a triple and Jameson Murray and Jacob Workman also had two-hit games for the Warriors (8-7).

HCA scored eight runs in the bottom of the first and were never threatened.

Alex Walker earned the pitching win, striking out eight in 4 2/3 innings.

Brady Trapnell added a double for the Warriors, who play host to Pleasant View on Monday.

HCA 15, Majesty 5
Majesty 500 00-5 6 5
H. Christian 823 3x-15 13 1
WP-Walker (4 2/3 IP, 8 SO, 3 BB).
LP-Shiarrella
Leading Hitters: HCA — N. Workman (2 2B, 3B), A. Workman (2 1B, 3B), Walker (1B), Murray (2 1B), Jon Lober (1B), J. Workman (2 1B), Trapnell (2B), Charlie Welker (1B).



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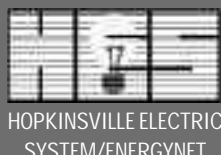
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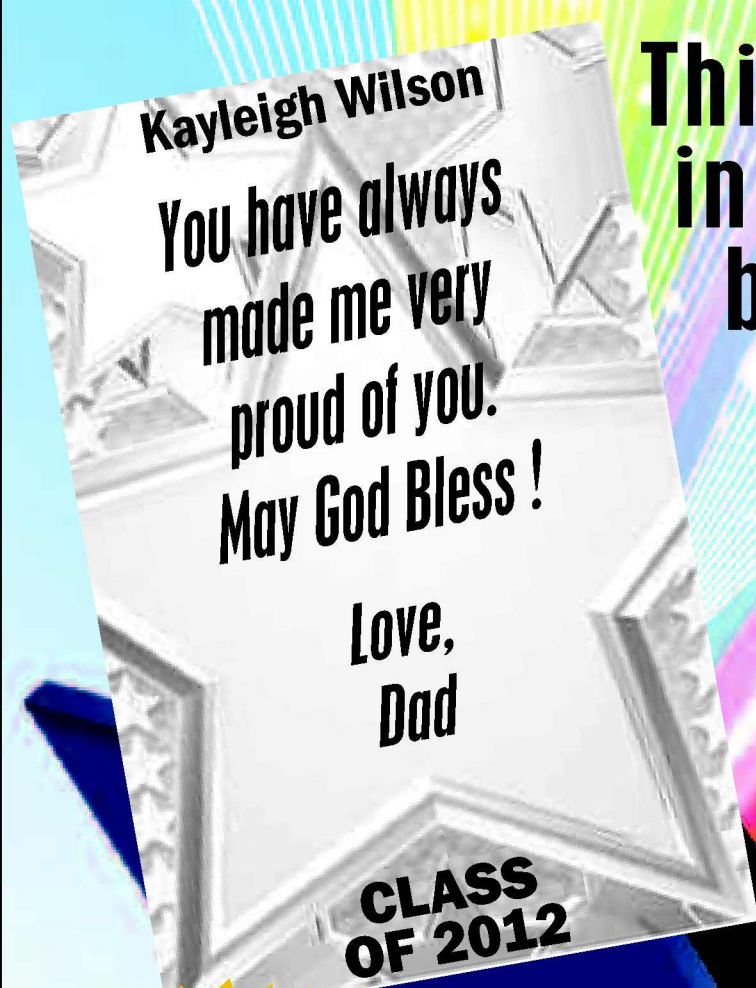


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